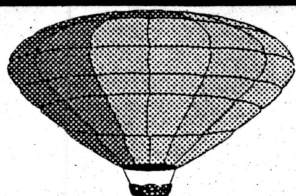


NOVEMBER 1993

VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS



CHURCH RETREAT

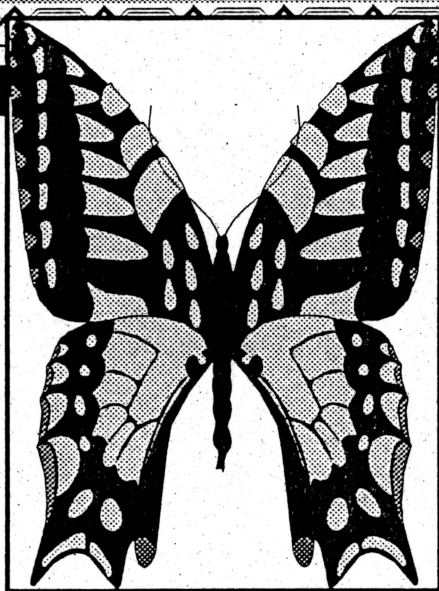
It seems that everyone is again looking forward to the next retreat. This one will be held on the weekend beginning Friday night 12th Nov. 1993. Set in the beauty of the Numinbah Valley at Camp Bornhoffen this retreat is a reasonably priced getaway for the weekend.

The retreats are an event most people try not to miss. They raise opportunities for new and renewed friendships. This retreat's theme is

JOY

Jesus Christ
Others
and Yourself !

See the attached pamphlet for more details.



FLY WITH CHRIST !

Two caterpillars sat watching a butterfly flitting overhead.

After some time, one caterpillar said to the other, "You wouldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars !" Of course, the unsuspecting little caterpillar was unaware that he was gazing on his own destiny. Christ came to turn earthbound caterpillars into heavenbound butterflies through the fullness of His Life.

FLY WITH CHRIST !



WHY NOT HAVE A COFFEE WITH FRIENDS AFTER THE ENGLISH LITURGY !

Please don't just dash off after the English Liturgy. If you've got time why not come and have a coffee after the Liturgy. After every Liturgy on Saturday evening (6.30 - 7.30 pm) tea and coffee is served in the Respite Centre for the congregation. This provides an opportunity for us all to socialise and get to know one another. Already there have been many friendships sparked from this regular meeting place. If you can spare some time after the Liturgy, please stop in for a chat. We would love to see you there some time !

NO GREATER LOVE

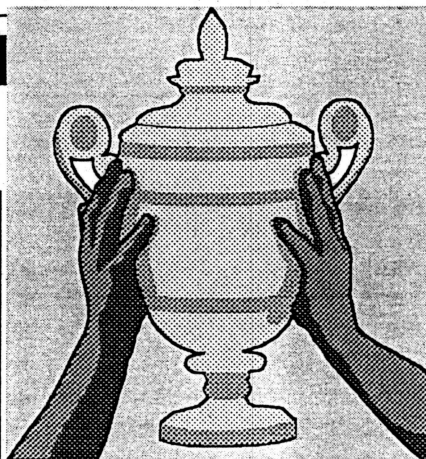
Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

[John 15:13]

In a world of escalating violence and insensitivity to human suffering, where children die at the hands of their own parents, the words of Jesus are extremely poignant.

Which of us can say with confidence that they know someone who loves them enough to die for them? Very few of us, I'd wager. Perhaps someone may be fortunate to have a very loving parent or spouse who would, for them, perform the ultimate sacrifice. But, would a friend do so? A neighbour? A stranger? Further, one may ask, are we worth dying for? Could we honestly expect anyone to willingly give up their life just to save us?

Yet someone has!
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." [John 3:16]



THIS IS NOT SOME QUAIN
 FORMULA OR FAIRYTALE. THIS IS
 THE UNCOMPROMISING
 PROCLAMATION OF THE CHURCH
 FOR THE LAST 2000 YEARS!

When our foreparents, Adam and Eve, rejected God and embraced sin, with all its consequences (including illness and death), God's love and mercy abounded. They were naked and God clothed them. They had become slaves to sin and He promised them a deliverer (the "seed of the woman" referred to in Genesis 3:15), a child born of a virgin who would one day destroy the hold that sin has on the world; and reunite God and Humanity.

Who is the deliverer?
 It is God the Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Our own Creator! He took on flesh through the Virgin Mary and became a man. He lived and taught among us.

He did more than simply talk about God. Through His words, saving actions, and love He showed us God!

Jesus' love for humanity took Him to the Cross. It was necessary that Christ share not only in our life but also in our death, that is, in the fullness of our existence. Now we, as His disciples, may one day share in His Resurrection!

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!



DID YOU KNOW ?
Dr. Simon Greenleaf,
an internationally
renowned legal mind,
concluded that the
resurrection of Christ
is one of the best
supported events in
history, in
accordance with the
laws of acceptable
evidence in legal
cases !

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**NATIONAL YOUTH
CONFERENCE
JANUARY 1994**

MAILING LIST

"As a person thinks, so is he."

[Proverbs 23:7]

Today I Will think like a
servant of God.

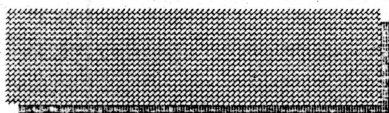
I will keep my thought
processes active and open to
the voice of God.

I cannot fail as long as I am
doing His Will, allowing Him to
work in and through me.

Today I will think like the
Apostle Paul when he said...

"I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me."

[Phil 4:13]



RESOURCE CENTRE

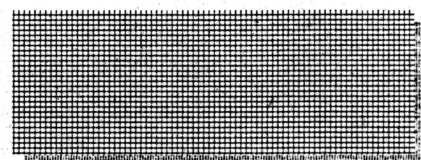
is an Orthodox
Christian Library
open every Tuesday
7.30 - 9.30 PM
upstairs in the
Admin building at
Saint George's.

As many people would
be aware, Brisbane
will host the sixth National
Youth Conference to be held
on the 23rd - 26th January
1994. The theme of the
Conference will be a focus on
the moral and social values of
society in comparison to those
of the Christian Faith. Present
will be an international guest
speaker. Presentations will be
in English and held at the
facilities of the Greek
Orthodox Church of St.
George, Brisbane. Other
aspects of the conference
include worship, group
workshops, panel discussions,
luncheons and dinners, and
other various social activities.
Further information and a
registration form will be
provided when available.

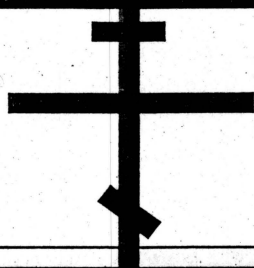
Leading up to the
conference, the organising
committee has worked
endlessly fundraising. Two
fundraisers to keep in mind
are, **English Liturgy and
BBQ at Southside Parish on
Sunday 31 October**; and the
**Quiz Master Penklis Trivia
Night at the Welfare Centre
Friday 5 November 7.30pm.**
Form a team of 4-6 people
and come along or join a
group there.

JUST A REMINDER,
IF YOU KNOW OF
SOMEONE WHO WOULD
LIKE TO BE ON OUR
MAILING LIST PLEASE
ENCOURAGE THEM TO
LEAVE THEIR NAME AND
ADDRESS FOR THE
**VOICE IN THE
WILDERNESS**

AT THE CANDLE DESK
AT CHURCH. IF ABOUT
TO CHANGE YOUR
ADDRESS PLEASE LET US
KNOW AND WE CAN
UPDATE OUR RECORDS.
WE HOPE YOU ENJOY
THE NEWSLETTER.



A new order of books on the
Orthodox Faith have arrived.
These are now available for
purchase after the English
Liturgy every Saturday Night,
during our coffee and tea
fellowship. **Take advantage!**



GOING HOME - TO REST...

I have felt the tangible hand of God on my shoulder,
Often ignoring the comfort which was offered,
I've stumbled through the darkness, choosing pain instead as my companion,
And wondering why my life has been forsaken.

The invitation has always been there - the choice to rise beyond the clouds of fatalism,
To turn, dive and soar through the structural imposition,
Like the pure hearted crow Who never allows its own beauty to be misaligned by the visual perception of blackness.

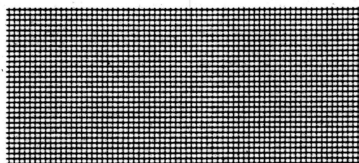
And like the crow,
We are all descendants of the forcibly transplanted.
Continuum of the body Community,

Broken - we have choice to maintain the isolation,
Or reconnect - once again to form Church.

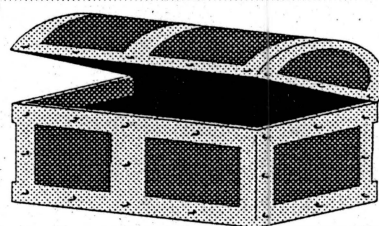
I have come close to stepping away forever
And this has scared me.
To follow the face of the spiritually punch drunk
Or the face of the clear hearted... Which will it be ?
I must remember my whys, and be still,
Until my hows, guide my heart - placing it in God's Palm.

I long for the Strength
To ensure I pursue this;
Otherwise the evolution of my soul is jeopardised
And this, I know...can easily come to be.

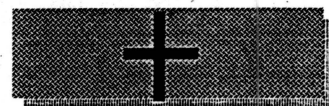
[A Poem by Vas Theodorakis
10 October 1993]



TREASURES
FROM THE FATHERS
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Abbas Macarius was asked, "How should we pray ?" He replied, "There is no need to speak much in prayer; stretch out your hands and say, 'Lord, as you will and as you know, have mercy on me'."
{Abbas Macarius}



Wherever you be, have God always before your eyes; whatever you do, do it according to the Testimony of Holy Scripture...

{Abbas Anthony}

